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ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMMITTEE MINUTES - DRAFT

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee held a meeting on April 17, 2017 at 4:30 p.m., in Conference Room A, Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, DE.

PRESENT: Ronald Castaldo, PhD, CRNA; Cindy Cunningham, PMHCNS/NP; Sandy Elliott, CNM; Maryanne Holzapfel, RPh; Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

ABSENT: Mary Diamond, DO; Richard Henderson, MD; Leena Paul, MD; Manisha Wadhwa, MD

GUESTS: Jill Englund Jensen, DNP, APRN

PRESIDING: Megan Williams, DNP, FNP-C

STAFF: Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, Executive Director - Division of Professional Regulation; Jennifer L. Singh, Deputy Attorney General, Delaware Department of Justice

1.0 Call to Order: Dr. Williams called the meeting to order at 4:49 p.m.

2.0 Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the March 20th, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Castaldo moved and Ms. Elliott seconded to approve the minutes; the motion was unanimously passed.

3.0 Unfinished Business

3.1. Potential Rules and Regulations Changes for APRNs

The Committee discussed potential changes in the Rules and Regulations for APRNs. The dates for the changes for the rules and regulations are pending as the APRN Committee has not voted yet on them.

Dr. Castaldo shared insights gained from attending the April 4th, 2017 National Council State Board of Nursing's APRN Roundtable meeting. Points discussed included: "staying in your lane"; role and education need to fit; knowing one's limitations when lines blur; clinical practice hours, face to face, "touching patients," do not equal practice hours, a broader role is acceptable. Discussion will continue at the May meeting regarding clarification of practice hours for APRNs.

3.2. Applications for Independent Practice

Applications were reviewed for independent practice as advanced practice registered nurses for:

Leslie Brady, APRN, NP (Adult/ Gerontological)

Clarification of Role and Foci was received and reviewed. Ms. Cunningham moved, seconded by Dr. Castaldo, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Cathleen Michalowski, APRN, NP ((Women's Health/Gender Related)

The Verification of Experience and Competency form was received and reviewed. Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Odion Ologbalima, APRN, NP (Adult NP)

The Verification of Experience and Competency form was received and reviewed. Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Candice Sandal, APRN, FNP

Clarification of Role and Foci was received and reviewed. Dr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Ms. Elliott, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

4.0 New Business

Applications were reviewed for independent practice as advanced practice registered nurses for:

Cindy C. Cunningham, APRN, NP (Psych/ Mental Health CNS; Psych/Mental Health NP)

Application tabled pending quorum, as Ms. Cunningham recused herself.

Jill Englund Jensen, APRN, FNP

Dr. Castaldo motioned, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Candice Reynolds, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Dr. Castaldo, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Pennie D. Savage, APRN, FNP

The application and prior discipline was reviewed. Dr. Castaldo moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed by majority with Ms. Holzapfel abstaining.

Aaron M. Sebach, APRN (Adult / Gerontological)

Dr. Castaldo motioned, seconded by Ms. Holzapfel, to grant independent practice to Mr. Sebach's adult/gerontological practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Aaron M. Sebach, APRN (FNP)

Dr. Castaldo motioned, seconded by Ms. Elliott, to grant independent practice to Mr. Sebach's FNP's practice; the motion passed unanimously.

David Smerina, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott moved, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Susan S. Spause, APRN, FNP

Ms. Elliott, seconded by Ms. Cunningham, to grant independent practice; the motion passed unanimously.

Alma Halter Surrat, APRN, NP

Ms. Surrat's application was reviewed. As motioned by Dr. Castaldo, seconded by Ms. Elliott, a decision was unanimously tabled. Clarification will be requested on number of hours completed per application and hours on the form, Verification of Experience and Competency.

5.0 Other Business (for discussion)

Potential summer meeting dates were discussed. Ms. Elliott's will not be available during the summer. Due to other committee members' summer schedules, a quorum may be difficult to attain. July 17th is being considered; a decision on the committee's summer meeting dates is pending.

5.0. Public Comment

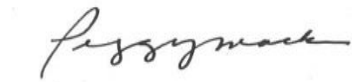
Dr. Jensen inquired about the FNP in acute care practice. Discussion occurred on national viewpoints. A potential APRN newsletter was suggested; Dr. Jensen and Dr. Castaldo may partner on the newsletter,

with a focus on education and certification.

6.0. Next Meeting Date – May 15, 2017

7.0. Adjournment – 6:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Mack".

Peggy Mack, PhD, APRN, PMHCNS
Executive Director, Board of Nursing